

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant

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TREATMENT METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING

PERFLUOROCOMPOUNT, DECOMPOSING CATALYST

AND TREATMENT APPARATUS

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Examiner

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, the Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing the invention of Group III, claims 6-7, drawn to an apparatus for treating perfluorocarbon, classified in class 422, subclass 129+, without traverse. Claims 6-7 are readable thereon.

If a fee or additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or additional fee that may be required and credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (ASA-1145).

Respectfully submitted,

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